

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### New Talks

THE projected meeting in Washington between President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Eden and their advisors must be regarded as a natural development consequent on the failure of the Geneva delegates to reach agreement on any of the main aspects of the Korean and Indo-China problems. The move must also be appraised in conjunction with the new international situation created by the failure of the Geneva discussions. In effect a new phase of the cold war is about to open and the Washington conference is timed to meet the changed situation. Clearly the invitation which President Eisenhower extended to Sir Winston, and which the Prime Minister has now accepted, anticipated the current situation at Geneva, but it was regarded as a provision for a contingency, and is being implemented only because of the Geneva breakdown. It is fairly apparent that the Western powers (certainly the United States and Britain) are now satisfied that the chances of getting Soviet agreement to a settlement anywhere are remote, and the signs are that they have now decided to adjust their strategy accordingly. That raises a number of problems. One is the scope and membership of a new defensive system for South-east Asia—a system which becomes imperative if the Indo-China States are abandoned, or even if France under a new Government reaches an independent agreement with the Vietnamese. The prospects are that the new alliance will be on the lines of NATO, and if this is agreed upon at the Washington talks, the pact will involve not only Britain and America, but the Commonwealth countries in new military commitments.

AGREEMENT in general principle on a Southeast Asia defence pact raises a number of other important questions. President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill will, for example, have to consider where a line against further Communist aggression should be drawn—and how it should be defended. This means that every trouble spot will have to be reviewed, and it can be assumed this will be done on the assumption that the West must prepare for an indefinite period of cold war as well as for defence against sudden aggression. Mr. Foster Dulles will probably put his emphasis on safeguards for Southeast Asia; Mr. Eden, on the other hand, is likely to emphasise Britain's long-time conviction that the worst threat to world peace still resides in Europe. Both problems require careful consideration and wise decisions. But one point which is bound to come up for discussion is that of finding new ways of bringing West Germany into the allied defence system. Many competent observers are now convinced there is little likelihood of getting a general agreement on the plan for a European Army with German contingents, and the alternative appears to be to bring West Germany into the wider sphere of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. The Washington conference is described as "an informal meeting" without an agenda, which can be interpreted to mean that the talks will be exploratory and that no irrevocable commitments will be made on either side. Nevertheless it must be assumed that the conference will seek a wide measure of agreement which can be later translated into co-operative action.

## Vietnam Govt Resigns

### Successor To Bao Loc Named

Paris, June 16. Ex-emperor Bao Dai, as head of state, accepted today the resignation of the Vietnam Prime Minister, Prince Buu Loc, and asked the Catholic nationalist leader, Ngo Dinh Diem—nicknamed "Vietnam's Syngman Rhee"—to form a government.

Ngo, an extreme right-wing member of the old Mandarin class, left Indo-China in 1949—to mark his disapproval of the Bao Dai regime, according to Vietnamese quarters. Spending a year of his voluntary exile in the United States, he established many close links there. It is expected here that he will be attacked by the Communists on the ground that he is "the American Government nominee."

Resignation of the Government headed by Prince Buu Loc, who is Bao Dai's cousin, was unanimously agreed upon at a Cabinet meeting lasting 20 hours.

It had been in office six months. The largest of the three Indo-China States is now without a government at the same time as France itself. Ngo's appointment was seen here as an attempt to win the support of Vietnamese nationalists who have refused to co-operate so far with the Bao Dai regime.

### GOVT OF TECHNICIANS

Prince Buu Loc was obliged to form last March a "government of technicians" after failing to win the support of the main Vietnamese parties.

Though known as a firm anti-Communist, Ngo has not clearly stated his views about the Indo-China war and some diplomatic quarters here believe that he favours negotiations with the Vietnamese to bring about controlled general elections.

He is known to have maintained contact with non-Communist elements in the ranks of the Vietminh until recently.

At one time, Ngo is known to have favoured Bao Dai's resignation.

In 1948 he refused Bao Dai's offer to lead a new government because of France's failure to grant Vietnam real independence.

In 1943 Ngo resigned from his post of Minister of Interior to protest against alleged French violation of treaties with Annam. He was Premier under the Japanese but in March 1945 he declined a Japanese offer to become Governor of Cochinchina.

Subsequently he was arrested by the Vietminh and refused to participate in the first government formed by the rebel leader, Dr. Ho Chi-minh.

Prince Buu Loc is expected to return to his former post of Vietnam High Commissioner in Paris.—Reuter.

## Conciliatory Proposals By Chou En-Lai

### 4 VITAL POINTS

Geneva, June 16.

The three Communist delegations injected new life into the flagging Indo-China peace conference here today with proposals that brought the two sides nearer than they have been since the meeting opened five weeks ago.

The conference had been on the brink of collapse. Many delegates believe the Communist move resulted directly from the warning by Britain and the United States on Monday that they would seek to close down the talks if no progress were made today.

Western delegates are still far from convinced that agreement is possible but they are more optimistic than they have been for a long time.

The majority view is that the Laos-Cambodia issue is the more important part of the Indo-China problem because it could lead to a major source of friction between East and West.

The four major points which have created most hope are broad hints rather than concrete concessions by the Communists.

These are:  
1. Acceptance that the three Associated States do present different problems.  
2. Agreement that the foreign forces to be withdrawn from Laos and Cambodia are not necessarily only French.

3. An offer to consider permitting the import of arms into Laos and Cambodia for "self defence" after a ceasefire, and  
4. A proposal that the military commands should meet here and on the spot in Indo-China to consider the dispositions of the opposing troops in the two States.

The Communists have always said they would agree to treat the three States separately but have not till today appeared to draw a clear distinction between Laos and Cambodia on the one hand, and Vietnam on the other.

It was noted today that, with the exception of Mr. Molotov, the Communist delegates referred to the two States for the first time as Laos and Cambodia and not "Pathet Lao" and "Khmer," the usual Communist names for them.

### NEAR ADMISSION

In accepting that there were foreign forces other than French, the Communists came near to admitting that there were Vietminh forces from Vietnam in the two States. Hitherto they have vigorously denied that there were any Vietminh invaders in Laos and Cambodia.

The Communists have so far insisted that the ban on reinforcements of men and materials after an armistice should be total.

Laos and Cambodia rejected this demand as an attempt to limit their sovereignty.

The two States are prepared to accede to the Communist insistence that no foreign bases be established on their territory. This might have the effect of "neutralising" them between East and West.

The Communist suggestion that the military representatives meet here to negotiate armistice arrangements for Laos and Cambodia could mean that they will allow the Vietminh Command openly to represent the anti-government forces.

The suggestion by Mr. Chou En-lai, the Chinese Prime Minister, that the military experts could deal with the "disposition" of forces rather than their "regroupment" could also be significant.

The term "regroupment" has been used by both sides in referring to the areas into which opposing troops would move pending a full political settlement. "Disposition," on the other hand, implied that there would be no suggestion of partition, even temporarily.—Reuter.

## 4 PUERTO RICANS CONVICTED

Washington, June 16. Four Puerto Ricans were convicted today on charges arising from the shooting incident in the House of Representatives on March 1 in which five Congressmen were wounded.

They are Lolita Lebron, 34; Rafael Miranda, 25; Andres Cordero, 28; and Irving Rodriguez, 28.

Each faced 10 counts of assault.

The jury found them all guilty of five charges of assault with a dangerous weapon—carrying a maximum penalty of 50 years imprisonment.

Their decision on five more charges—alleging assault with intent to kill—has still to be announced. Maximum penalty is 75 years imprisonment.

Judge Alexander Holtzoff had instructed the jury to bring in separate verdicts on each of the 10 counts.

The four said they did not intend to harm the Congressmen. They had only wanted to draw attention to Puerto Rico's pleas for independence.—Reuter.

## D-Day Plus 10 Years



People all over Europe remembered June 6. They remembered how ten years before, the Allies landed on the Normandy beaches and began the push against the enemy which proved to be the turning point of the war. Field Marshal Montgomery was one of the thousands who remembered and is seen in this picture about to place a wreath on the memorial at Ranville, Normandy.—London Express photo.

## Poles Allegedly Admit Murdering Sir Jack Drummond

Paris, June 16.

The Surete National disclosed today that it had been notified by American military authorities that three Poles arrested in West Germany claim to have been responsible for the 1952 triple murder of the British food expert, Sir Jack Drummond, and his family—a crime for which a Frenchman, Gaston Dominici, is being held.

French police sources were inclined to doubt at first whether the Poles were involved since the French farmer Dominici is now awaiting trial for the killing in the south of France. But in any case verification will be made, they said.

The alleged confession was given in a letter either to German or American military police in the occupation zone, a Surete spokesman said. The letter or its contents were transmitted, according to the Surete, to the American Communications Zone Headquarters for France in Orleans.

There the American investigators turned it over to the local judicial police who alerted Paris Surete headquarters. The three Poles were reported to have been detained in another affair and sent in their "confession" after having been held for some time.

American authorities in Orleans had no immediate comment. They suggested, however, that the Poles probably were held by German rather than American authorities.

### SENSATIONAL CASE

The Drummond murder case was one of the most sensational in postwar France.

Sir Jack, 51, British war hero, and his wife Lady Anne, 48, were cut down with an American-made carbine as they camped by a country roadside near Lurs in Southwest France the night of August 4, 1952. Their 11-year-old daughter Elizabeth was chased and had her skull fatally smashed in with the carbine butt a few moments later.

The triple crime occurred close to the farmhouse of a mountain family, the Dominici. French police questioned them for months before learning that the son of the family, Gustave Dominici, 34, had found the little girl still alive next morning but had done nothing to save her pain or alert the police. Last year police arrested the father and accused him of committing the crime.—United Press.

## Communist Police Alerted For Trouble

### Anniversary Of Uprisings

Berlin, June 16.

The Communist police were reported alerted throughout East Germany today for new uprisings as West Germans launched a two-day anniversary celebration of last year's June 17 Soviet Zone rebellion by lighting freedom fires along the Iron Curtain border.

The anti-Communist "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" reported that its Soviet Zone sources had learned that Major General Karl Maron, head of the East Zone "People's Police," had ordered all police units to alert stations from June 16 to 18.

Memorial fires burned tonight along the 600-mile border dividing East and West Germany. The fires, lit by local West German authorities, will be kept alight throughout the two-day anniversary.

Hundreds of rallies will be held in West Germany and West Berlin and wreaths will be laid in this four-power city in memory of the East Germans who lost their lives fighting Communism exactly one year ago.

In West Berlin a giant Socialist rally was scheduled tonight near the Soviet sector border. Speakers included the Socialist leader Erich Ollenhauer.

### CEMETERY CEREMONY

Tomorrow prominent West Germans, including Jakob Kaiser, Minister for All-German Affairs, attend a commemorative ceremony at the West Berlin cemetery where nine Germans who died in the revolt are buried. The three deputy Allied Commandants of West Berlin are also expected to lay wreaths on the graves.

Tomorrow night a final rally will be held outside West Berlin City Hall, attended by the West German Vice-Chancellor, Franz Blumberg, and Dr. Walther Schreiber, Lord Mayor of West Berlin.

In the West German province of Lower Saxony, nearly 1,000 rallies will be held, including 20 in each of the districts bordering the Soviet Zone. Torchlight processions and speeches by West German political leaders will mark the day in nearly every major West German city.—United Press.

## French Political Crisis

## Vital Vote May Be Postponed

Paris, June 16.

M. Pierre Mendes-France, French premier-designate who is to go before the National Assembly for investiture tomorrow afternoon, might ask that the vote be postponed until the next day if the debate lasts too long. In this case the result of the vote, which remains uncertain, would not be known before Friday evening.

Many deputies, including the Socialists and particularly the Socialist group supporting the European Defence Community seem to be waiting for M. Mendes-France's statement of policy before deciding whether to support him. M. Mendes-France is reported to be seeking a compromise on the thorny EDC question.

Partisans of the treaty, mostly Christian Democrats, object that this procedure might result in the same situation as with the investiture of former Premier Joseph Laniel last year. M. Laniel got the Gaullist votes, but this compelled him to give up raising the ratification debate in the Assembly under a threat of seeing his cabinet fall apart. The attitude of the Communists remains unknown.—France-Press.

## Forest Fires Out Of Control

Toronto, June 16.

Additional men were flown into tinder-dry Northwestern Ontario today to the aid of 1,500 fire fighters battling to control five forest fires which were out of control over 15,000 acres of timberland.

Light showers helped fire-fighters stall the biggest of the fires after it had burned out 20,000 acres of timber in the White River district. A second uncontrolled fire in the White River district had charred 3,500 acres in the town of Odium.

Four more uncontrolled fires were burning in the Gogama and Cochrane districts. Officials recruited 300 men off the streets of Timmins and out of Northern beverage rooms in an attempt to stop the huge blazes. A total of 19 fires were burning across the northland, including five at White River and Cochrane, three each in the Kapuskasing and Gogama districts, two near Fort Arthur and one at Geraldton.—United Press.

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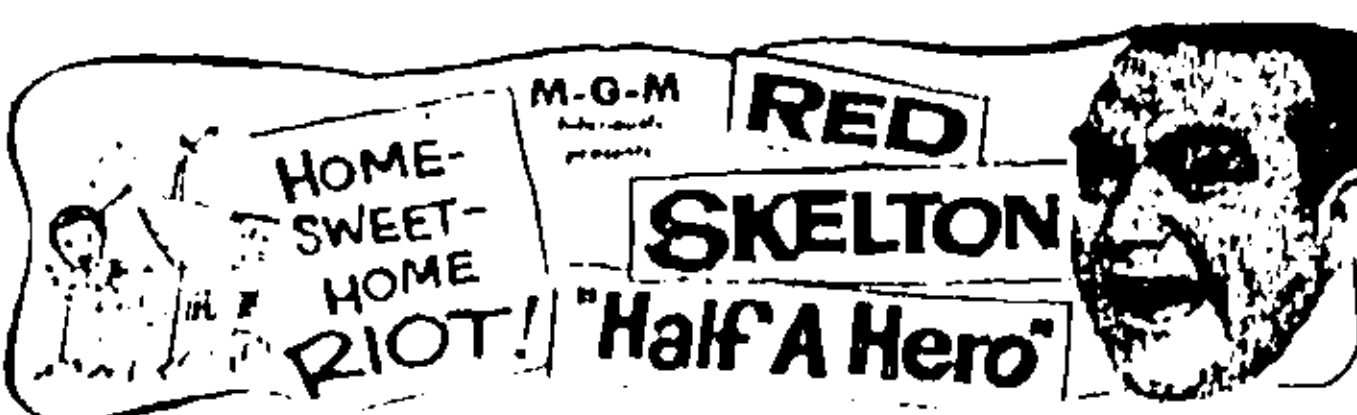
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"THE 72 MARTYRS OF CANTON"

A CHINESE PICTURE IN MANDARIN  
WITH AN ALL-STAR CAST

## CAPITOL LIBERTY

LAST 2 DAYS  
AT 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 P.M.  
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## ROXY & BROADWAY

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2.30-5.30-7.30 &  
9.30 p.m.

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## Lyttelton Replies To Appeal By Malayan Alliance

London, June 16.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr Oliver Lyttelton, told the House of Commons today he had asked the High Commissioner of Malaya to discuss with the rulers a request for an independent commission on Malayan constitutional reforms.

Mr Lyttelton was replying to Mr Stan Awbery (Labour). Mr Awbery had asked what requests he had received for the setting up of a commission of Commonwealth members to consider the proposed constitution of the Malayan Legislature and what was his reply.

Mr Lyttelton said: "The alliance of the United Malaya National Organisation and the Malayan Chinese Association have asked for an independent commission consisting entirely of members from outside Malaya to be sent immediately to the Federation with the concurrence of Her Majesty and their highnesses, the rulers, to report on constitutional reforms in the Federation. I have told the alliance that I have asked the High Commissioner to discuss their request with their highnesses, the rulers, at their next conference."

Mr James Griffiths, Colonial Secretary in the last Labour Government, asked whether in view of recent developments in the Federation Mr Lyttelton would suggest to the High Commissioner that he should take the initiative in the matter and call a conference of the Alliance and rulers to see if some settlement could be arrived at.

Mr Lyttelton replied that such a course would inevitably lead to great delay in the holding of the elections. Both he and the High Commissioner shared the view that it would be far better to proceed with the elections and then examine with greater confidence the constitutional changes which might be proposed as they would then have an elected body to do so.

Later Mr Awbery suggested that further consultations should

be held in Malaya to bring about a mutual agreement on the numbers of elected and non-elected members of the Malayan Legislature. "In view of the fact that the difference between Mr Lyttelton's proposals and those submitted by the Alliance delegation is so small," Mr Lyttelton replied: "No, I am satisfied that the proposals rejected by the Alliance represent the best possible compromise between the views of all major sections of opinion in the Federation and that they meet almost the whole substance of the Alliance's wishes."

### NO JUSTIFICATION

"They have been accepted as the Federation agreement required by the rulers, and there is no justification for reopening discussion of them now at the risk of serious damage to the best interests of the Federation and the certainty of delay in the introduction of Federal elections. "Hitherto the Alliance has laid great stress on the importance of holding early elections and I have expressed my agreement."

Mr Awbery asked: "Is it worth while that we should have a civil disturbance in Malaya now, with people refusing to co-operate with the Government in addition to the trouble in the jungle for the sake of a few representatives on the Legislative Council?"

Mr William Proctor (Labour) said the present proposals allowed for a 53 per cent elected majority and the demand of the Alliance was for a 60 per cent majority.

"Do you really think that this narrow difference is impossible of negotiation at the present time, bearing in mind all the great issues at stake in South-east Asia? Will you not go to Malaya and deal with the matter on a personal basis?"

Mr Lyttelton replied: "You are under a complete illusion. This matter has been negotiated at great length with the rulers. It would be a breach of faith to make any change without consulting them again. Whether they would agree or not I very much doubt."—China Mail Special.

## Blunt Words On Art And Poetry

By Two British  
Peers

London, June 16.

Two peers spoke bluntly yesterday about "these dark days" of art and poetry. In London Lord Radcliffe, Lord of Appeal, told the National Art Collections Fund that Britain is fast losing its art treasures through export.

"We cannot be too realistic to regard it as a disaster every time a great picture or work of art leaves our shores," he said.

"Of course, the world must share its art treasures all round, but when one has said all these statesmanlike things I think one still has a feeling of alarm at the amount of loss that has taken place in great works of art from the shores of this country during the last century."

"It makes me feel sick and ashamed, ashamed of successive Governments since the war which have allowed this condition to grow—not without warning—and assumed of public opinion that it would continue without explosion."

In New York, Lord Dunsany, the poet and playwright, said: "This is the darkest age poetry has ever known. People are accepting long dear lines of rhymed prose as verse. It isn't verse at all."

## Red Version Of Singapore Rioting

London, June 16.

The World Federation of Democratic Youth has stated that 600 Chinese students were attacked by armed police in Singapore last month, the Soviet news agency, Tass, said in a despatch from Budapest today.

The headquarters of the Federation is in Budapest.

A statement from the Secretariat of the Federation said: "Some 600 students of Chinese schools in Singapore were attacked by armed police while they were peacefully registering their protest against the British Government's act on compulsory military service of May 12, 1954."

"We insist that the arrested students should be immediately released and that the British Government should impose universal military service on Singapore's youth be released. The brutality of the armed police was condemned and persons responsible for these actions punished."

## Princess Margaret Helped Direct This Play



Eliza Maxwell, internationally famed society personality, dressed up for the part she is to play in the production of Edgar Wallace's thriller "The Frog" which is being given by a cast of Mayfair socialites at the Scala Theatre, London. With her is Peter Ward, one of the members of the cast. Princess Margaret is co-director of the production, and others taking part are Billy Wallace, Lord Forrester, Lord and Lady Norwich, Lord Carnarvon, Lord Brooke, and others whose names are familiar in Debut. — Central Press Photo.

## Capture Of Red Rebel Imminent In Philippines

Manila, June 17.

An Army spokesman disclosed yesterday that the capture of the top Philippine Communist, Jesus Lava, who carries a US\$65,000 prize on his head, was imminent.

The spokesman said that the Army was expecting to get Lava this week or early next week.

He pointed out that Army intelligence verified that Lava was within the area of operations where several Army contingents are now, but refused to disclose the area, though earlier reports said that Lava was somewhere in Southern Luzon.

Should Lava be captured or killed, it will be the death knell of the Communist armed movement in the Philippines.

Disident Huk supreme, Lulu Tancas has already given himself up and is now about to face trial.

Reinforcements will be rushed today to bolster Government troops.

Troops locked in heavy fighting with the more leader, Hadji Kanton in the forest fastness of Jolo Island.

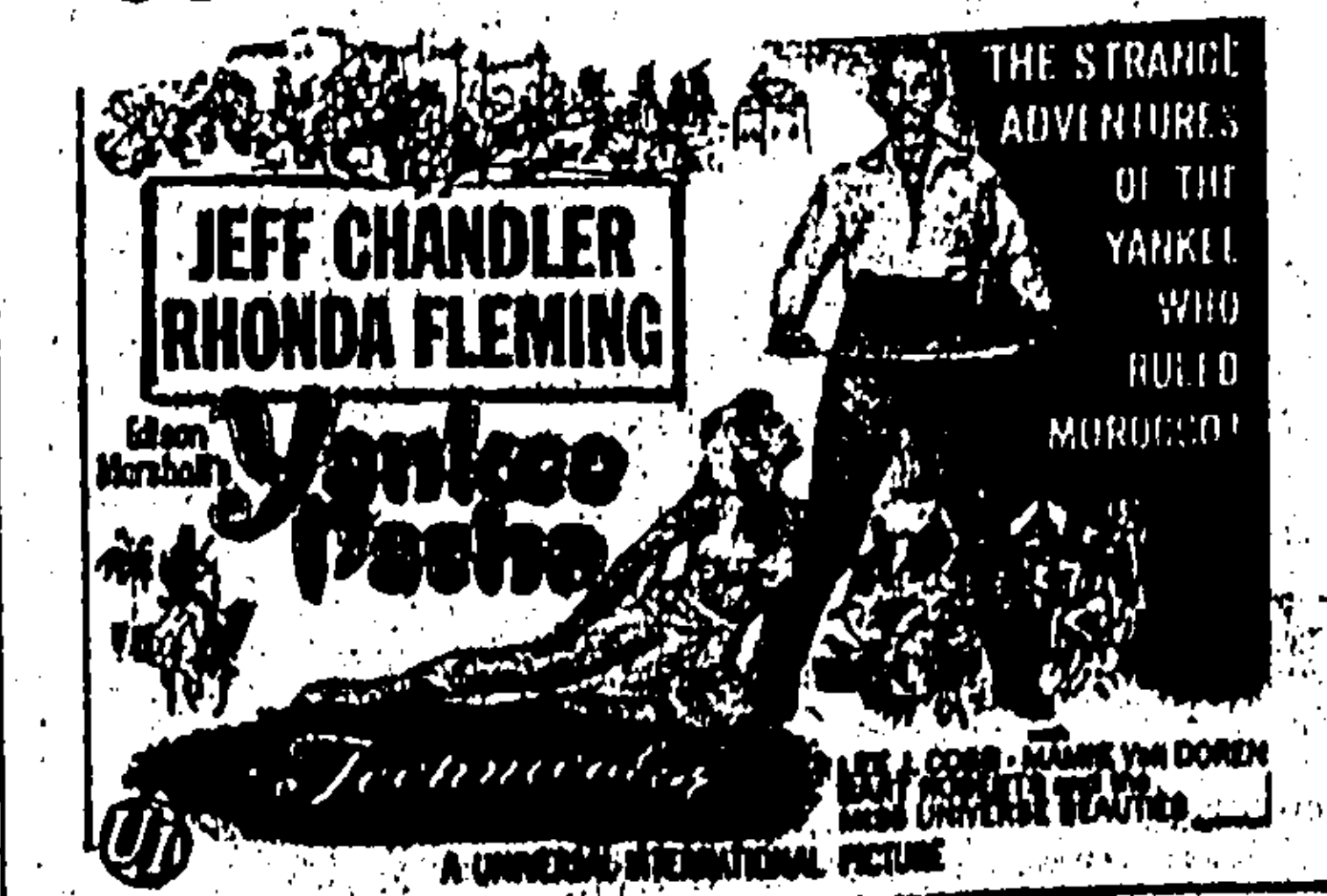
Reports reaching Manila yesterday said that during operations of the last week, two enlisted men were killed and five other soldiers wounded, including a lieutenant.

On the other hand, the reports said that a bandit leader was captured and that several of Kanton's followers were killed or wounded.

## LEE GREAT WORLD

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## QUEEN'S & ALHAMBRA

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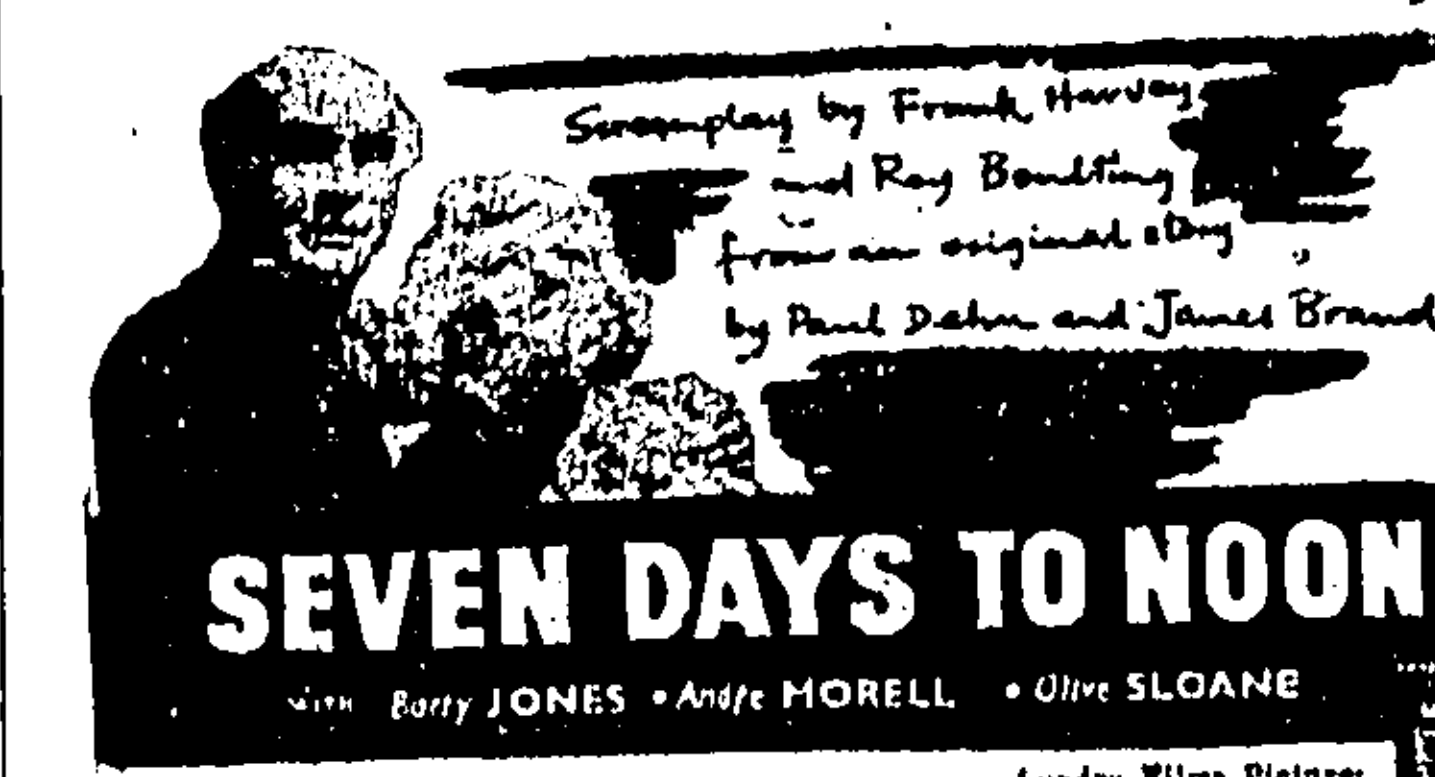
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## Attlee Speaks At Copenhagen



Mr Attlee, seen here with Mr H. C. Hansen, the Danish Foreign Minister, as he addresses a Social Democrat Party rally in the "Fælledparken" in Copenhagen. Mr Attlee said, "one thing needed for world peace was that Russia should renounce her fanatical belief that it is her task to enforce throughout the world her Communist creed."—Express Photo

## French Newspaper Deplores Crisis

Paris, June 16.

The independent newspaper, *Le Monde*, said tonight that the absence of France from next week's talks between President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill was a sign that her influence in world affairs was steadily diminishing.

*Le Monde* recalled the delayed start of the Bermuda talks last year "while we indulged in the luxury of one of our periodical government crises. This time there is no question of inviting our ministers to Washington."

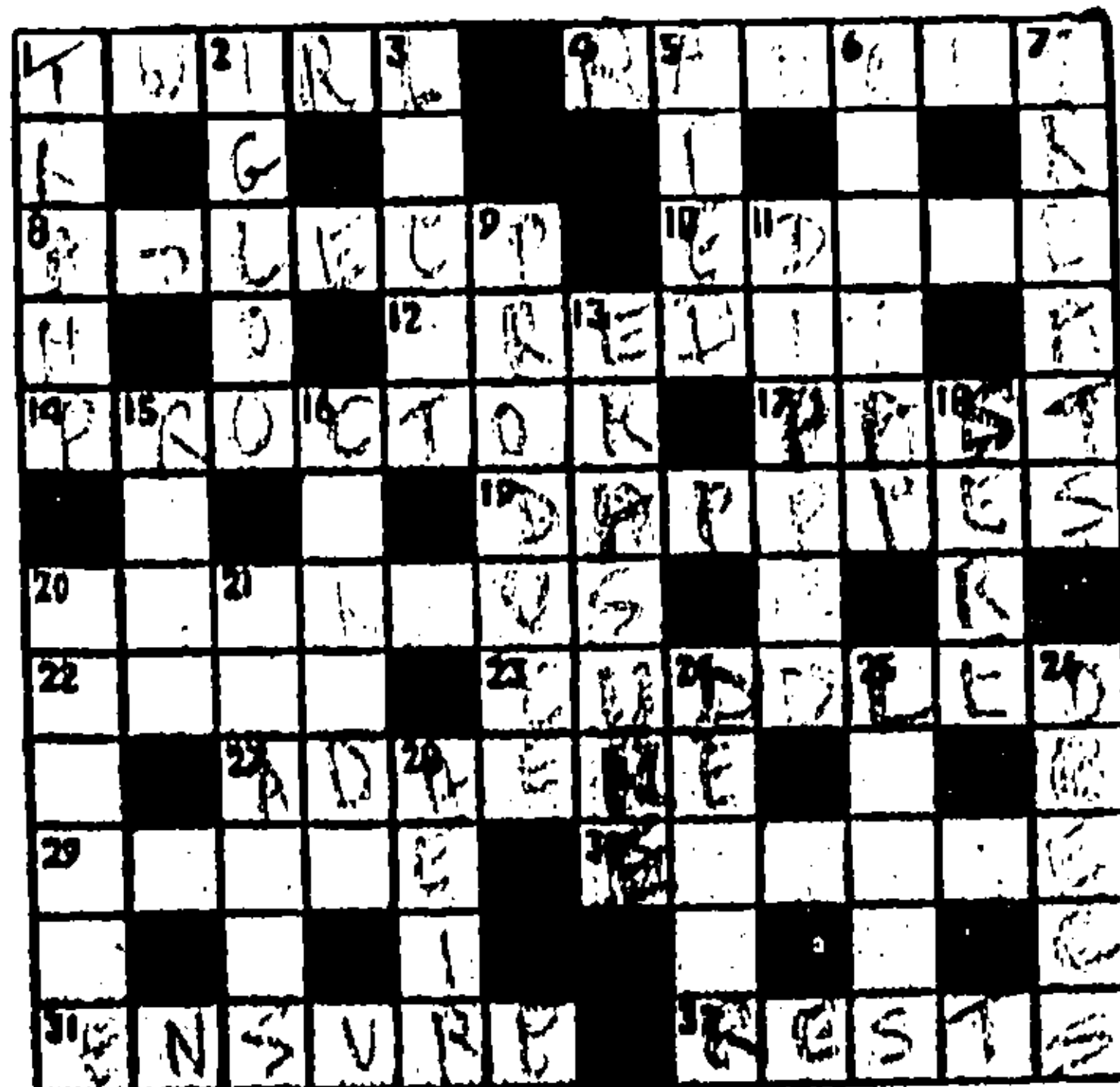
"One can judge from this how our influence in world affairs is steadily diminishing. The fact is the more visible and humiliating because the two main items on the agenda, Indo-China and German rearmament, both concern France—the first to a much greater extent than the second, at least as much as Britain or the United States."

"In fact, the real subject of the talks between Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower will be the absence and default of our country."

*Le Monde* argued that "France's resignation" and President Eisenhower's hesitation over the future of United States policy had enabled Sir Winston Churchill to regain the leading part he always wished to play in international affairs.

"The only grounds for consolation to be found in this affair is not for our self-respect, but for our desire for peace—is that Sir Winston seems less ready than ever to abandon the hope of negotiating a settlement with the East," *Le Monde* said.—Reuter.

## A British Crossword Puzzle







"Remember, men—my Grandma's Rummel and the rest of 'em are dangerous Jerry troops."

London Express Service



## INSIDE RUSSIA

with  
**RENE  
MacCOLL**



*This is Georgia—where moustaches make a man and it's an insult to sip brandy*

Travelling reporter Rene MacColl is on his way through the heart of the Soviet land. This despatch comes from the colourful country where Stalin was born.

TIFLIS (Caucasus). A pretty good inn after three days—and some of the citizens sport panama hats and white vests worn outside the trousers, Cuban style.

Others prefer sheepskin shakos, dyed brown, and leggings. Feminine clothes whiz all the way from European-type flowered summer dresses hanging straight to the garish gipsy-like costumes of the Kurdish women street cleaners.



**DON'T  
WASTE  
WATER**

Tiflis lies in a narrow valley with towering mountains—many of them still snowbound—round and about. In shape the city is like High Wycombe in Buckinghamshire, only more so, being 22 miles long and only four wide. It is also 1,500 years old and 600,000 people live here. Included among them are 5,000 Moslems who have a mosque. And there is a Christian church, started in the fifth century, but pillaged and wrecked and rebuilt and reworked so many times in Georgia's turbulent history that you have to use a microscope to find any of the fifth-century bits knocking around.

Moscow is more than 1,500 miles away—and seem more. I like it a whole lot better here than I did in Moscow. For one thing the people are more exuberant. They seem to enjoy life and they are extremely picturesque.

A man without a moustache in these parts is a man ill-equipped. Moustaches run right down the line from Clark Gable to R.A.F. jobs. (One ancient shepherd I met way out in the mountains had a piece of lip undergrowth so tangled that it made me feel sorry on his account that egg soup is one of Georgia's greatest delicacies.)

The men tend to have lustrous liquid eyes and sideburns. And all those chaps who look like Armenians are indeed Armenians—the Armenian Soviet Socialist Republic being just next door.

I must try to get used to the old Georgian customs, for as I walked into the restaurant which soars on a mountain high above the city—you reach it by a steep funicular railway—a swarthy man with a mighty direct gaze to him leaped to his feet and beckoned me peremptorily to his table.

They were a tough-looking bunch his friends clustered around, and one character was fast asleep head down on the table amid a juniper forest of bottles.

The swarthy one held out a full glass of something which

proved to be chacha, a Georgian brandy of great potency ("If one drinks chacha the head continues to feel nice, but the leg is not working," it was later explained to me). I sipped this but the swarthy one insisted on no hesitations.

Learning that I was "Angli-ski," he grinned and remarked: "Ah, then I beat you" or may be it was "Then I bet you"—but anyway it seemed meant in a good spirit.

"This is an old Georgian custom of hospitality to the stranger," explained my guide as we broke away. "It is intended



as a compliment. It means he did like your presence and character."

(This guide possesses a brand of English which has me in stitches. I was feeding a stray cat some chicken bones after a picnic and the guide observed: "Ah, now the lucky cat is in the seventh sky.")

You look down on Tiflis from this tunicular restaurant and it is nearly all red-coloured. A pity that, because in this hot climate it ought really to be white, like the Riviera towns.

In the evening as the heat wanes the town comes out for a stroll. People amble up and down the main street, under the plane trees, enjoying the flowers; chattering, laughing, arm in arm; having a shoe-shine on one of the high shoe-shine thrones; buying a drink of kvass, a sweet barley drink from a barrow boy with sweeping handlebar moustache; getting weighed on a kerbside weighing machine; window-shopping.

Stand there in Rustaveli Street (named after Georgia's greatest poet—his gigantic statue dominates one end of the street) and in five minutes you will see perhaps a dozen different racial types go by—and half a hundred mixtures.

This is Georgia—and immensely proud of it. You must not make the gaffe, as I did at first, of talking about Russia if you mean Georgia. Russia is somewhere else entirely. This is the autonomous Georgian S.S.R., which has been joined with Russia since the start of the last century.

The Georgian language is even harder to master than the Russian.

I went to the ballet at the Opera House here a spirited affair, performed of course by Georgian dancers.

The orchestra gave me a bit of a shock. True, the conductor was in faultless evening dress with white tie—but his men!

Every member of the large orchestra had peeled his jacket and was, playing away, in their brown and blue and pink and striped shirts, the double bass with his sleeves rolled up, and the drummer who almost had to move his moustache out of the way before he could get at his instrument.

I found myself heaving with inward laughter, and my companion asked what the joke was. But I couldn't explain that I had just had a vision of Sir Thomas Beecham striding to the podium and glancing down to find himself confronted with this wonderful collection.

But let's get away from all this, drive out of town—and it's a land of vast and compelling beauty. Mountains and huge valleys, and rivers which are always in a hurry. Cherry and peach and apple trees in loaded blossom. Great flocks of sheep on their way to the spring pastures.

And a young man, strolling along a road among buttercups and forget-me-nots, strumming a chonguri to the singing of his companions—a chonguri being a Georgian balalaika, only narrow, like the blade of an oar.

What was he singing? Maybe he's equivalent of that old favourite "Georgia on my mind."

## BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

### SLOW BUT SURE STRANGULATION

By Ritchie McEwen

AS the Communist noose draws tighter around the satellite countries of the far-flung "Russian Empire," private enterprise is slowly but surely being strangled out of existence.

The larger and more important undertakings, of course, have long since fallen under the Hammer and Sickle, and now the full weight of the Party machine is directed against the small-time shopkeepers and the one-man business.

Rumania (the most 'progressive' of the subject territories under the Red Star banner) is now getting a real taste of Democracy—the People's version.

To begin with, no Rumanian may carry on business on his own without a trading licence. As these licences have to be approved by the local Communist 'Co-op,' which controls the State-owned 'competition' across the street, they are hard to come by.

Once he has a licence a Rumanian shopkeeper is not allowed to give it up, retire, or sell his business without special permission from the Ministry of Trade.

To make sure he doesn't interfere with the profits of the State 'Co-op,' he is forbidden to:

1. Carry on a wholesale business.
2. Deal in second-hand goods.
3. Sell cereals, fish, oil, lard, bacon, cattle, horses, donkeys, pigs, sheep, goats, or their meat or preparations made from this meat, hides of any kind, (including dog pelts), sausages, tins, bladders.

pins, leather footwear, cotton or cotton fabrics, wool or woollen fabrics, silk fabrics, fodder, seed, petroleum and petroleum products, timber, paper, stationery, or antiques.

Just to make matters a trifle more difficult for your Rumanian 'capitalist,' he may not:

1. Lay in supplies exceeding his weekly requirements.
2. Buy from the State-run wholesale firms any articles for re-sale other than: wine and spirits, tobacco, cigarettes, matches, stamps, sugar, bread, salt, ready-made clothes, newspapers, periodicals and posters (1)—and a special licence is required to deal in even these items.
3. Purchase agricultural products on markets or other places where farmers sell their products direct to the consumers.
4. Buy farm produce in any areas other than those specially designated by the Ministry of Home Trade.
5. Make more than 15 per cent gross profit on each item sold, or sell articles at a lower or higher price than the local State 'Co-op.'

NEW measures aimed at 'discouraging' workers from becoming ill are being introduced on a wide scale in the satellite countries—modelled on "exemplary" practice in Mother Russia.

A comrade who commits the 'crime' of falling sick and cannot go to work is regarded with the gravest suspicion and treated accordingly.

For he is holding up the vital flow of armaments and other goods for the Soviet war machine, which is already bogged down by too many headaches or questions of supply and production without being burdened with the additional problem of having to cope with large numbers of seedy workers among the subject peoples.

Workers' certificates are examined by Party officials with the same care as a bank teller would scrutinise a brand new bank note, and are then passed on to the sick man's foreman whose duty it is to make a 'lay investigation' and report on the 'symptoms.'

The foreman appoints a panel of the patient's fellow workers—specifically picked for their 'patriotism'—to visit him every day to offer 'moral aid and encouragement' and to make sure that the wretch isn't just shirking.

If the unfortunate man—or woman—is seriously ill and has to go to hospital, he or she is still not free from 'comradely attention' and the 'Com-mission,' on whose diagnosis the treatment, or lack of it, ultimately depends.

Although all workers in the satellite countries make compulsory 'National Health' contributions based on their wages and salaries, the 'benefits' they receive when they are ill are arbitrarily decided by a 'Com-mission' of his (or her) fellow workers. Who befalls a patient who is unpopular at the works?

Hospital patients are treated with the contempt they deserve. Few hospitals have sheets, or enough blankets in the winter, and comforts are restricted to the irreducible minimum. In the Szekesfehervar hospital, near Budapest, for instance, the patients are made to eat their meals with their fingers! A knife, fork and spoon would be 'wasted' on the feeble and unproductive sick.

## DON IDDON'S DIARY

### THEY CALL IT THE ZANIEST TOWN IN THE UNITED STATES

Jersey City, Tuesday. THE people of Jersey City have probably had more experience of power-hungry politicians than the people of any other town in the United States. They have had a taste of dictatorship.

For 32 years Mayor Frank ("I am the law") Hague ran Jersey City—its people, its politics, its industries, its habits, and its hobbies. Hague was the law.

He used to shout: "I decide, I do, me!" and the people obeyed.

#### Worth a visit

I THOUGHT that as the junior Senator from Wisconsin, Joseph McCarthy, is now reaching out so desperately for personal power in the country as a whole, it might be an idea to visit Jersey City and see how it is getting along without Hague. I had always been told that Jersey City, scarred and soiled by industry, black with soot, smoke, and stumps, was one of the ugliest communities in America. Some people have even said: "In Jersey City a city or a disease?"

So far as I can see, Jersey City, which is just across the Hudson River from New York, compares favourably with many of our industrial towns in the Midlands and the North. Certainly it is as handsome as Wigan, Warrington, or Bolton.

The approach, once you have left the Jersey turnpike, cuts through factories, wharves, decaying warehouses, and then suddenly emerges into a wide tree-lined boulevard which reminded me of Harrogate or Bath.

#### A flutter

DESPITE Jersey City's lurid reputation there are not many gangsters and little vice. Bookmakers and bars flourish. Jersey City is one of the biggest betting towns in the United States, and the bookmaking syndicates were for years a protected racket.

The streets are cleaner than many of New York's; the people more polite. Journal Square, where the outdoor political meetings are held, is about half as big as Trafalgar Square, though not so imposing. The square has been quiet during the 'people's' days. I have been here. My guide told me: "You should have seen it in the old days—the old days

being the days of Mayor Hague's domination.

The present mayor is Bernard Berry, an enemy of Hague, and in the hand-picked successor of John Kenny, Hague's fiercest foe, who helped to break the Hague machine.

Kenny was elected mayor for the second time last spring after some busy campaigning, but last December he abruptly resigned as city commissioner (there are five commissioners in Jersey City) and mayor and said: "I have had just about enough. I am handing over to Berry. I can't take it any more, especially the antics of crackpots."

Jersey City is famous for its antics and its crackpots. Many Americans call it the zaniest town in the whole United States. Even in last year's elections there were barrage balloons, sky-writing, marching parades, firecrackers, brick and egg throwing, dozens of street fights and bigger skirmishes, one fatal shooting, and scores of libel suits for millions of dollars.

#### Getting better

ITS citizens are not too 'am-I-still-about' criticism, they have had so much. They tell you openly that there has been a good deal of corruption, but that things are getting better. They say: "We are not looking for Utopia, but just for

some slight improvement." They quote the fight promoter, the late Jack Jennings, who said: "It isn't how the ballots go in the box that counts—it's how they come out."

The present mayor is not making much news compared with his predecessor. At the present time his administration is under investigation—this is a great place for probes—by court-appointed Mr. Samuel Lerner, a gifted lawyer.

#### A comeback?

THE Lerner investigation is into city spending under John Kenny and Bernard Berry. There are charges that there have been waste and extravagance.

Frank Hague must be smiling. The man who was mayor for eight successive terms and perhaps the biggest political boss in America (he delivered the entire State vote for Roosevelt) made Jersey City's tax rate the highest in the United States.

To build his machine and make it the smoothest-running in the country Hague stacked the city and county staff with his political henchmen. In some instances, he paid judges two salaries, he increased property assessments, and siphoned off millions from the taxpayers. Today, at 77, Hague still lives in Jersey City, although he

takes long holidays in Florida in the winter and regularly attends a sanatorium for rest cures and check-ups.

According to newspapermen I talked to, he has ambitions to be a carnival. It is inevitable that he dream to replay his star role as a political master mind.

Although he never earned more than \$8,500 a year, his personal fortune is estimated at \$4,000,000, and he himself has admitted... to having \$2,000,000. He lives in great style in a Jersey City apartment building which he owns. He has a large summer house and five cars.

He tells his colleagues: "If you work hard, get rich, and then can't pay up like me." He says his fortune came from hot stock market tips from wealthy friends. Whether he will ever climb back into power again is doubtful.

#### Colourful

YOU will gather that this is a tumultuous city absorbed in politics, and with as much colour as a carnival. It is inevitable that it should be intensely interested in Senator Joseph McCarthy.

Some people in Jersey City have said to me: "You can't patch on Bow Haggle. He hasn't got the dignity and he hasn't got the organisation."









By "RECORDER"

So far this year there have been 11 British Millers under 4 minutes 10 seconds and 21 in all under 4 minutes 15 seconds.

Here is the complete list for the current season:

Driver	Time
Peter Driver	won in 4:08.0
Ken Wood	and Frank
Wyat	also beat 4:10 and J.S.
Evans	returned exactly 4:10.0,
when	represents a mile faster
than 4:10 as, even if his actual	time is 4:10.0, the slowness

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Peter Driver won in 4:00.0, while John Wood and Frank Evans beat 4:10 and J.S. Jorgensen, respectively, at 4:10.0, which represents a Mile faster than 4:10 as, even if his actual time was 4:09.91 the stopwatch would still show 4:10.00. The world record Wyatt, both long distance runners, were more surprised than anyone else and both stated that they didn't like the distance—too short for them and would not run to the eight, 12 or 24 lap races.

With 11 British runners already under 4:10, we can look forward also to John Disley, Brian Barratt, Jack Brown, John Michien and Roger Dunkley joining this select group. The sub-4:10 club would thus mount up to 16.

But the list tabulated above does not include four runners who have been in the last season and have not run in a Mile race yet this year.

Jump by Ken Wilmshurst for the British record. Wilmshurst had earlier this season twice improved on the British record in this event and received scant notice from the British press which is not much interested in field events performances. Wilmshurst had set the record at 04 inches in the Long Jump, the press got interested as this was two inches short of the British record of 24 feet 2½ inches set by Harold Abrahams in 1924. There are two British records in this and older than Abrahams' Long Jump. Eric Liddell still holds the 100 Yards record at 9.2 seconds (set in 1923) and William Applegar has now held on to the 40 Yards record at 11.2 seconds for nearly 40 years. The 40th anniversary of this record will certainly arrive on July 4 as Britain has never had a poorer crop of sprinters than the present one in all these 40 years.

Last year Bill Nonkville clocked 4:07.4. This season he has up to now been concentrating on the Half Mile and has yet to run the full Mile in an important race.

Donald Seaman, second in 4:08.0 to Roger Bannister in last year's AAA Championships, has not run an important Mile race this year as yet. Freddie Green, who did 4:08.8 last October, has been concentrating on Two and Three Miles races this season.

Attempts are being made to find Mr Applegarth for a 40th anniversary interview. He is known to be alive and in the United States, but no one knows exactly where.

To return to Ken Wilmshurst Mr Abrahams can rest secure in the knowledge that his English native record in the Long Jump will survive. For the reason that Wilmshurst is ineligible for it, having been born in India.

It is a noteworthy point that two other Englishmen are not

Of Ralph Dunkley, London University runner who clocked 4:09.8 last October, nothing has been heard of as yet this year. He may have retired from running or may be waiting on the horizon to return to some. He

English native record-holders for the same reason—having been born abroad and, by coincidence, also in India. They are Arthur Sweeney and A. G. K. Brown.

The following have been selected to play for their Club in the lower league games on Saturday -

**USRC**  
2nd Div -USRC v KCC at KCC  
3.30 p.m. - J. G. Guttery, G. Hill, R. Holloway, L. Gromprie, G. Goodyear,  
M. Scott, D. Agnew, A. Stevens, R. Trull, S. Boycott, C. Ingledew, D. Edwards.

**3rd Div -USRC v KCC at KCC**  
3.30 p.m. - A. McKenzie, W. Stevenson, G. Huggins, J. Stevenson, G. G. Fletcher, T. Wren, T. Curry, R. Van-Zuiden, W. Rees, J. M. Ebbs, R. Reed.

**Reserve**  
1st Div -Heerloo Blue v PRC at PRC at 4 p.m. - A. Pereira, P. Roza, Pereira, C. Huggins, J. Stevenson, J. G. Guttery, E. M. Almaraz.

C.C. Pereira, J.F. Noronha; J.M. Guterrier, S.E. Souza, R.F. Louz, J.A. Luz.

Recreio White v KCC at Recreio 4 pm - A.A.G. Silva, C.B. Bastos, H.A. Ozorio, C.A. Jombert, F.C. Costa, A.A. Badurina, L.F. Xavier, S.A.A. Loppes, L.M. Rodrigues, P.A. Lima, A.M. Souza, B.F. Marques, and Div - Recreio v IRC at IRC 4 pm - A.A. Baptista, E.H. Carvalho, H.J. Noronha, A.A. Guterrier; M. Roza Pereira, I.G. Laurel, L. Alvares, Roayro, A.A. Remedio, L. Alvares, J.F. Silva, M.M. Roza, A.F. Gomes

KFC.

where the Mile Race is regarded as a classic event, has even produced ten sub-4:10.0 Miles in a season.

**FORGOTTEN HOP**

So many fast clockings were returned in the races between 880 Yards and Six Miles at the British Games and there was much for the national press to exult about that one of the finest performances of all complete escapades all the sportswriters forgot to mention.

This was the 50 feet 1 1/2 inches in the Hop, Step and

been made yesterday morning, the Championship authorities issued another statement changing it.

The event involved the men's doubles, which had brought together two Australian pairs and the same half of the event as two powerful American pairs in the other half.

It is the first time in living memory that a Wimbledon draw has been altered.

Under a remote rule governing the Championship draw

**Entries for the Beginner**  
Tournaments are now open for  
clubs and individuals, boys  
and girls, who have never  
before participated in the  
Hongkong Softball Association's  
various softball  
tournaments and those who have  
never played before but  
wish to learn this interesting

all equipment, such as balls, gloves, masks, etc., will be provided by the Association. Interested teams and individuals will be taught the fundamentals of softball by experienced coaches who can speak English and Chinese. Individuals who have acquired the fundamentals, will be put together to form teams to compete in this league.

It is understood the men's singles draw is also under consideration.

**EVEN CHANCE**

London, June 10

Hong Kong's two representatives in the Wimbledon Championships are conceded more than even chance to survive the first round of the men's and women's singles and doubles Championships, beginning on Monday.

The Hongkong Champion K. H. Ip, has been drawn against Li Mollinari, a ranking French player, while the other Colony entry, Edward Tsai, will meet M. Mohtadi of Iran, now resident in Britain. —Reuter.

**Pakistan**

Edinburgh, June 10  
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**THE SCOREBOARD**  
Scotland, 1st Innings

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Ahmed, b. Shaualeuddin	.....
Carruthers, b. Mahmood	b.
Shaualeuddin	.....
Thompson, b. Ghazali	.....
Naylor, b. Shaualeuddin	.....
McCormick, c. Shakoor Ahmed, b. Zulfiqar Ahmed	.....
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Jockey E. Smith has a proud smile as he is led in on Aureole, after winning the 53rd Coronation Cup for H.M. The Queen at Epsom. Unfortunately, The Queen was not present to see Aureole, which is trained by Capt. C. Boyd-Rochford win this race.

There was much discussion among racegoers here today when a photo of the finish of the Royal Hunt Cup, main event of the second day of the Royal meet, was displayed after a considerable delay.

Judge Major Petch ruled that Mr Paul Hatvany's five-year-old Chivalry, 83-1 outsider ridden by young Dominic Forte, had won by a short head from the well backed top weight King of the Tudors, who started 100-8. Desert War, second favourite at 9-1, was placed third, two lengths further back in a field of 12.

The judges' decision was not announced until about 12 minutes after the race had been run. Major Petch said he had spent some time looking at the winner's photograph through a magnifying glass before giving his decision. "The delay was caused by the fact I had to look at two photographs, one to decide the third horse," added Major Petch.

the actual photograph, which is against a white background. On a photograph reflected by a mirror the patch was quite apparent. The mirror's reflection against a dark background showed King of the Tuddors' nose on the line level with Chivalry.

Winning owner Mr. Halvay, an Australian, called the result "a desperately near thing" while a son of Mr. Frank Dennison, owner of King of the Tuddors, remarked he was glad he was

noon. The day's racing  
like yesterday, with a  
for an Irish outsider, Ma  
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Sir Gordon Richards  
another blank day.—Reuter.

**GOLD CUP PROBABLE.**  
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London, June 18  
Middlesex and Warwickshire joint leaders in the English County Cricket Championships office, both lost the toss in the matches which started today.  
At Swansea, Glamorgan, tallied 260 off the Middlesex bowling, but offspinner F. Titmus was a constant threat to the batsman, and claimed wickets for 74.

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New York, June 16. Clarence Henry, former heavyweight boxing contender, pleaded not guilty today to charges of attempting to bribe Middleweight Bobby Jones to throw his June 11 Garden fight with Joey Giardello.

boxer was reduced from \$50,000 to \$7,500 in response to a plea by Henry's attorney. The assistant District Attorney, James Fitzpatrick, protested against the reduction, saying, "The investigation is concluded and his associates might not want him to appear. The boxing game has some infamous characters who control the affairs of the game."

Henry was arrested on June 4 on charges of offering Jones

The Water Polo season was well off to a bright start at the Rink Swimming Bath last night, when the Tin Army, with South China as an exciting game and the Chinese YMCA scored a good result in the EYMCA in the earlier game.

The South China-How, I think, game proved to be a real tugging-dog, tussle with both teams showing good ball handling and a few good goals.

The game ended in a draw, the final score of 6-6 must, however, give both teams satisfaction in their first game of the season.

The EYMCA were not so happy with their showing, but the Chinese YMCA were really proud their form and was in the style by 5-3.

TURN LEFT AND THEN IT'S A  
STRAIGHT ROAD ALL THE WAY

Members are asked to the change in the dates Ladies' Day at Deep Water. There will be no Thursday Competitions but, that position will be played on last Tuesday of each month. The third Tuesday competition remains as before. The first list for the balance of the

son is as follows:

Tuesday, June 29, Eccles  
9 holes (4 card limit); Tuesday  
July 20, Medal, counting 1  
Tuesday, July 27, Stable  
Tuesday, Aug. 17, Four  
Bogey; Tuesday, Aug. 31, 3  
Medal; Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1  
(hidden partner).

Autumn Meeting—Thursday  
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Russian men and athletes will be seen in Britain for the first time when they compete in a light meeting to be organized by London athletic clubs at White City Stadium on Oct. 13.

Moscow has accepted invitation to send a men's team to meet London's best and named to send some of the best male athletes and best women runners in Russia.

—Routledge

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## Notice to Shareholders

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the twenty eighth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of Lane, Crawford, Limited will be held in the Company's Offices, 1st Floor, Telephone House, Hong Kong on Saturday 28th June, 1954, at Noon for the following purposes:

1. To receive and consider the Accounts for the year ended 28th February, 1954, and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

2. To sanction the payment of a dividend and to approve the proposed appropriation.

3. To re-elect a Director.

4. To appoint Auditors.

5. To transact any other ordinary business.

The Share Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 14th to 26th June, 1954, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. S. HUTHART,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1954.

# New Look For Hindu Marriage And Divorce Laws

New Delhi, June 15.

The first section of the monumental Hindu Code, the controversial social legislation which aims at codifying Hindu law relating to marriage and divorce succession, is once again before the House of the People (the Lower House of Parliament).

It is the Hindu Marriage and Divorce Bill which deals with sacramental marriage and makes provision for divorce, while a separate Special Marriage Bill, also before Parliament, deals with the law relating to civil marriages.

The Hindu Code Bill which led to a stormy debate when it was before Parliament in 1951, has now been split up into three sections to facilitate its passage. They are:

1. The Hindu Marriage and Divorce Bill;
2. The Hindu Minority and Guardianship Bill;
3. The Intestate Succession Bill dealing with adoption, intestate succession and joint family.

Only the first two Bills are now before Parliament. The Hindu Marriage and Divorce Bill affects Hindus at home and abroad.

India's Law Minister, Mr. C.C. Biswas, who introduced the Bill in Parliament, said it gave recognition to Hindu customs and usages where they differed from orthodox Hindu law.

## Age Limits

The most revolutionary change in the Bill is that it makes provision for judicial separation and dissolution of a sacramental marriage in the same way as civil marriages. At present no divorce is generally permitted under Hindu law, although recognition has been given to customary forms of divorce or special forms of divorce prevalent among certain sections of the Hindus.

The Bill will make monogamy compulsory among Hindus. This, in fact, is already the general custom.

Under the Bill age limits and conditions for marriage are laid down.

The Bill also makes inter-caste marriage permissible by placing no restriction that the parties should belong to the same caste or sub-caste.

The most distinctive feature of the present Hindu law is the joint family system, whereby the property is owned jointly by the male members of the family. Although daughters have no right to share in the ancestral property, it is the accepted duty of the head of the family to care for their welfare until their marriage.

While opponents of the Code Bill have described it as being "fought with great danger to Hindu Society", its adherents consider it to be an urgent necessity and urge Hindu society to move with the times.

The Law Minister has said that the opposition which the Bill met from 1948 to 1951 has now died, if one can judge by the telegrams pouring into the Government Secretariat, urging speedier enactment of the Bill and complaining of the delay which has taken place.—Reuter.

# Harem Beauty From Australia



Lucille Power, beauty queen and model from Sydney, Australia, is a winsome harem girl in the new Laurel-Griffith film "The Belles of St. Trinians". She is pictured on the set at Shepperton, Middlesex, where the film is being made.—Reuterphoto.

# Activity In The Solomons

Honiara, British Solomons, June 16.

From the ruins of war in the British Solomon Islands a new administrative centre is growing.

Whether it is to remain as just another British outpost in the Pacific or whether Honiara is to go ahead to bigger things depends largely on a geological survey which has been under way since 1950.

An interim survey was completed in 1952. Although no report was issued, the appointment of two additional geologists and a continuation of the survey on a wider scale has given encouragement.

## Drier Climate

Honiara was chosen because of its drier climate and the presence of a number of former army buildings.

Lack of housing, labour, materials and the absence of a regular shipping link with the outside world complicated and delayed its growth.

To the 300 European residents of Honiara, mostly Government servants from Britain, New Zealand and Australia, life is pleasant although expensive.

House servants can be obtained, but few of them are trained.

The only ships are those of the Government-owned trading organisation and a few Chinese owned ones catering for the natives.

The Guadalcanal Club provides a billiards room, dancing, table tennis and liquid refreshment. The sole residential hotel is the Mandana named after Alvarez de Mondana who discovered the Solomons in 1568.

## "Shoe String"

A broadcasting station run by voluntary effort and known locally as the "shoe string" network is on the air from 6 to 7 each night.

There is good swimming both on beaches and in fresh water pools in several rivers near Honiara.

Honiara has what Tulagi lacked—room to expand. But how far Honiara is likely to expand is difficult to forecast.

Although the economy of the Protectorate is built on copra there are timber and mineral resources yet to be explored and exploited.

The settlement of Honiara is scattered along the ridges of the coastal foot-hills, behind which rise mountain ranges, and over a narrow strip of plain between these foot-hills and the sea.

Development of the new centre is proceeding gradually. Work has begun on the much needed Protectorate General Hospital at Matanikau, about a mile from Honiara. New houses are going up as quickly as possible and a telephone system is being installed.

Construction work is being done by Solomon Islanders trained and supervised by Europeans or by Fijian artisans engaged on contract from Suva.

## One American

Members of almost every island community in the Protectorate are employed in Honiara as labourers, artisans, clerks or mechanics.

Only one American, who was in the landing on Guadalcanal in 1942, is still in the town. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Mission. He and a few former constables are the only ones who can look out over the peaceful bay to the blue islands of Nagasaki.

huddled on the horizon and remember the violence of those days.—China Post Special.

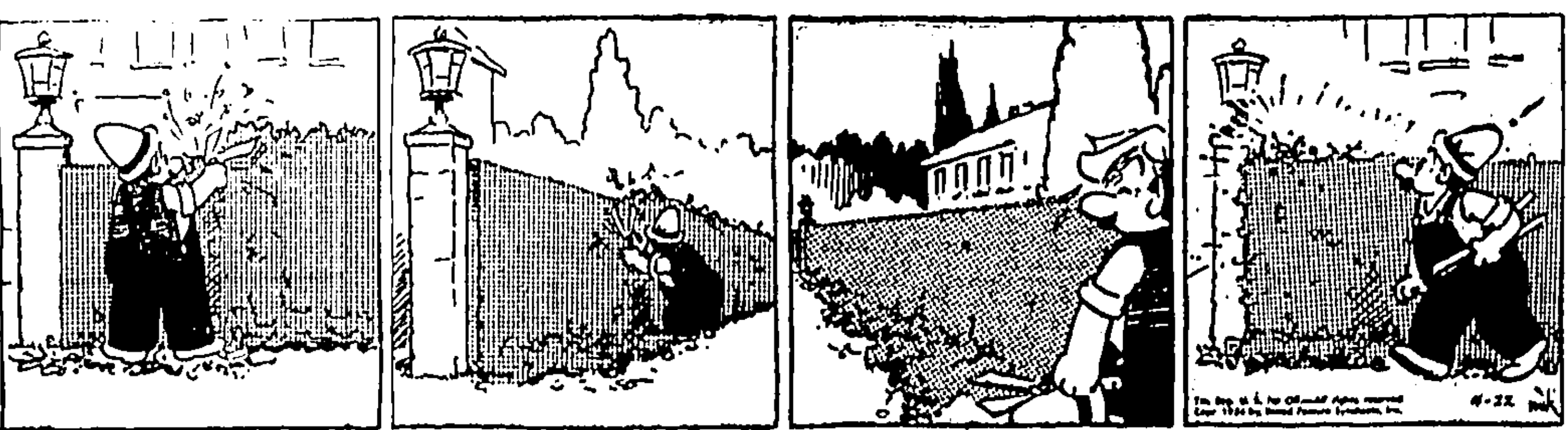
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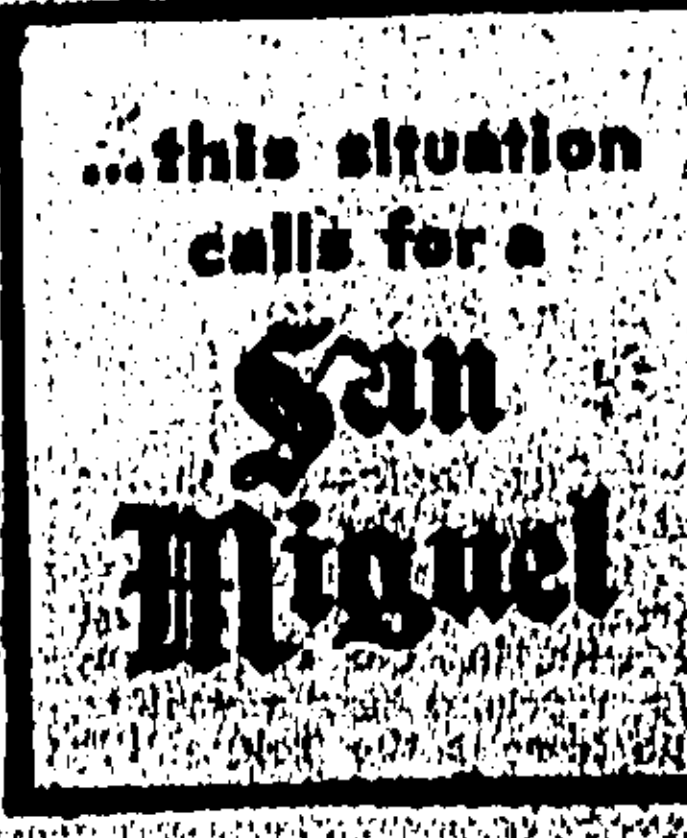
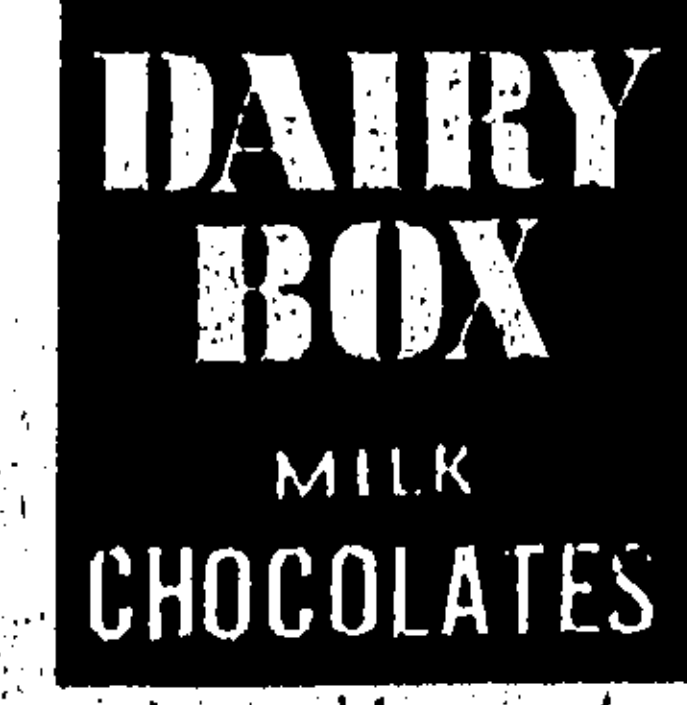
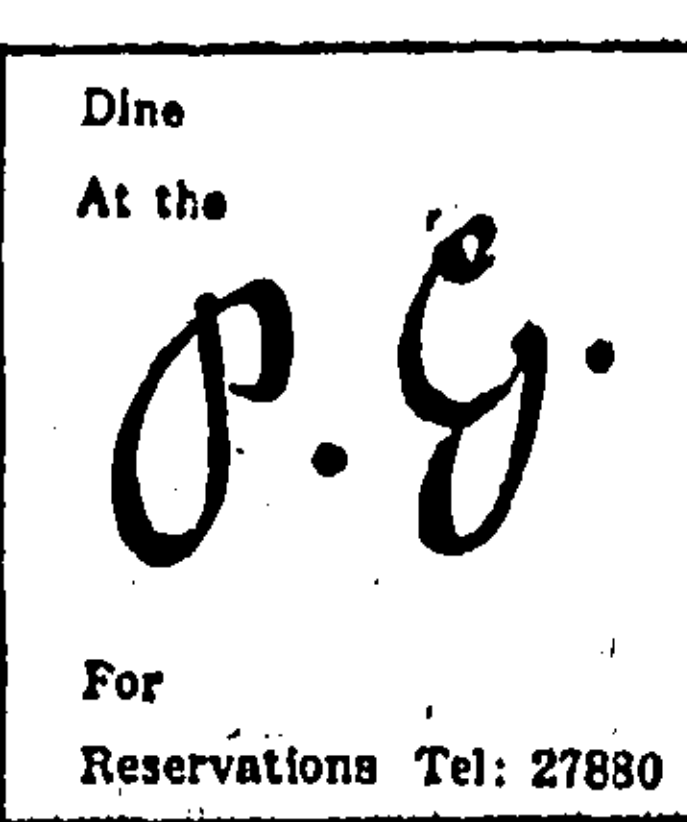
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# CHINA MAIL BOOK REVIEWS

## An Explorer In Dry Clothes Takes A Look At The Ocean Bottom

"Westward Ho With The 'Albatross'", by Professor Hans Pettersson (MacMillan & Co. Ltd., London 21/-).

Thousand of fathoms beneath the ever changing surface of the sea there are a million mysteries enclosed in a midnight blackness which, not many years ago, man dared not explore.

Today, thanks to science, he has the rough outline of a fascinating picture of this primeval world of mystery, swaying plant life, luminous fish, the coldest of the cold, and towering peaks of Neptune's domain.

Professor Hans Pettersson, of Sweden and his colleagues have added important details to man's knowledge of the ocean's depths.

His expedition in 1947-48.

"Westward Ho With The 'Albatross'" is a report on the expedition, which has been written essentially for the vast public whose appetite for underwater exploration has been whetted by Jules Verne, and in later life by such things as newspaper accounts of Professor Piccard's deep sea dives in his bathyscaphe, and the discovery of the fish with "arms" and "legs", the Coelacanth, whose ancestors were probably among the earliest animals of the deep.

Professor Pettersson has skillfully combined an illuminating account of the objects and results of the 15-month expedition in the motor-schooner 'Albatross' with a lively personal narrative that will appeal to a wide variety of readers.

During the cruise, the 'Albatross' travelled more than 4,000 nautical miles across three oceans. The main purpose of the expedition was to investigate, by means of new methods, the ocean bed in great depths, its deposits and the thickness of the sediment which covers the "rock bottom" to a depth of 12,000 feet in some parts.

Leaving Göteborg, the graceful old 'Albatross' sailed south to Portugal and Madeira, across the central Atlantic ridge to the Caribbean and then to Maricao and Panama. The expedition crossed the equator four times in the Pacific.



The 'Albatross'.

Ocean to the Midway deep, nearly in the seabed which lies more than 5,000 fathoms below the surface. Then it sailed south to the Gulf of Mexico and from there north to Ceylon, across the Indian Ocean to the Red Sea, Suez and the Mediterranean.

With an ingenious "echograph", the scientists of the 'Albatross' charted the profile of the ocean bottom of the world. With a towing net and steel cables 36,000 feet long they gathered deep-sea fish and other species of animal life from the bottom. They were the first to see the fish, some of which were new to science, and the strange, Umbellula-like plants of the deep. Long tubes, rising several feet off the ocean bottom, with bunches of phosphorescent organisms at the top.

And always the fascinating columns of sediment. These columns of coral, obtained by dropping long, coiled tubes by means of steel cables on to the bottom, and rising up to 50 feet in length, were the first to be seen. They were the result of a volcanic eruption, in fact, in the Atlantic Ocean. Professor Pettersson estimated his cores showed him the results of sedimentation over a period of between two and three million years!

Also having calculated the rate of sedimentation, and the results of the "echograph" which gave the total depth of sediment, he estimated the Atlantic may be 300 million years old—or 430 million years older than earlier oceanographers believed.

In these cores he found layers of volcanic ash and he speculates that they were the result of the huge volcanic explosion which have shaken the earth since it was born about 3,000 million years ago. He believes that the layers of ash found nearest the surface of the sediment in the Mediterranean Sea might have been the result of the Vesuvius explosion in AD 79 which destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Their research also foretells huge underwater volcanic explosions which, in millions of years' time, will hurl fantastically high mountain chains out of the depths of the Atlantic. Nature has by no means finished her handiwork of shaping our earth.

How was the Pacific formed? Was the deep bowl of the ocean the result of the collision of the earth by a cataclysmic tidal wave thousands of millions of years ago? This and many other interesting theories about the ocean bed are discussed in a lucid and attractive style by one

who, although an eminent scientist, delivers a tremendous (and for a scientist, almost impetuous) pleasure in discovering the wonders of nature.

There are a few generally-accepted fallacies about the sea which Professor Pettersson exposes and then explodes—he hopes once and for all.

Remember the legend about the lost city of Atlantis? True or false? He says "Every argument so far advanced in defence of the reality of the fabulous submerged land long ago has been based on a mythical attraction. No organised expedition ever reached either outside or within the limits of Heracles' note that 100 centuries ago—Atlantis—because will leave it."

But he does say Atlantis may be just one day out of the



Dropping the core.

vastness of the Atlantic. "Should the pessimistic views of certain geologists be realised, that a progressive desiccation of our planet will lead to a gradual sinking of the ocean surface, a mid-Atlantic continent, separating two Atlantic Oceans from each other, will ultimately emerge from the falling sea surface." He adds puckishly: "To what complications in international politics the ownership of this new continent may lead must be left to the imagination."

The Atlantis of the future is at present a submarine mountain chain stretching from far north of the Azores to the latitude of the Cape Horn. The highest point however is still 800 fathoms below the surface!

Is there a wealth of uranium to be extracted from the sea? No! "There is not the remotest chance of obtaining uranium from the ocean depths; meanwhile, the amount of uranium in deep-sea deposits have given very low values, quite as low as those found in ordinary sedimentary rocks from the continents," he says.

And finally this fallacy which most journalists have been guilty of. Will the detonation of an atomic or hydrogen bomb set up a chain reaction transmitting the immense supply of hydrogen in the water into helium? Professor Pettersson says: "Such a chain reaction, involving all oceanic hydrogen would make a hydrogen bomb out of our small planet, converting it into a dazzling nova, a fate which will assuredly not overtake us whatever new devilry our nuclear physics may be capable of turning out."

Pervading the book is the Scandinavian charm and honesty of expression of the author. He has contrived to present a book in which there is almost a perfect balance between scientific research and the light personal observations of a traveller in foreign lands. The photographs supplied by various members of the expedition are excellent and occur on average about once every seven pages.—R. G. HUTCHESON

### New Books

The following new book has been received from MacMillan & Co. Ltd. The New Men, by C. P. Snow. It will be reviewed in this column later.

Next week's review will be of Daphne du Maurier's latest novel, Mary Anne (Collins, London 12/6).

## IN DEFENCE OF WESTERN TRADE EMBARGO

The United Kingdom Mutual Steam Ship Assurance Association, Ltd., discussed in its recent annual report the Western embargo on trade with the Communist bloc and said that transactions "likely to increase the danger of war" cannot be justified by any reason of mere expediency.

The report, which is for the year ended February 28 last, made these points:

A mere 12 months is an insufficient period in which to record any material change in the present unsettled world conditions. Politically and economically, there has been no major shift of scene.

Controversy is increasing as to the desirability of more East-West trade when ideological barriers still divide the world and there is still a danger of war.

Few doubt that if war were to come, it would be far worse than anything mankind has yet known. This must be borne in mind even in considering such matters as trade, which is no longer only a question of buying and selling.

Often it is made to serve either ends, either to build up war potential, to reinforce political pressure, or simply to win over the minds of the masses in another country.

RESTRAINTS WILL CONTINUE

If any particular trading transactions directly or indirectly increase the danger of war, or of one country or group dominating or taking over another, such transactions cannot be justified by any reason of mere expediency.

The motives behind offers of business, therefore, often have to be considered, and a serious examination made as to whether both parties involved in a transfer of goods will really benefit.

For these and other reasons, restraints on trade may be expected to continue. The degree of freedom which Governments will allow to traders may well depend in part on how objective they construct the traders themselves are in planning their operations in such difficult world conditions.

These issues deeply affect the shipping world. Restrictions of course mean a shortage of cargoes.

LEGITIMATE?

Worse still is the uncertainty as to whether some types of business offering absolute propriety be accepted by reputable shipowners, and even in extreme cases as to whether the business is legitimate.

On such matters, which are often brought to the association's managers for informal advice, owners generally have shown a very proper restraint in a very proper restraint.

The year has therefore again been difficult. The easy profits of recent years have gone, and now is the time when good ship

management and skilful chartering show their true worth. Talents which were in the long years of close wartime control are now being fully exercised, and shipping is becoming again the flexible instrument for world trade it has been in the past.

CLUB RISKS INCREASING

The tendency in recent years has been for indemnity risks to fall, especially cargo claims, due to the preventive measures taken by many shipowners and the association's determined resistance to unjustified claims. Unfortunately, protecting club risks are still increasing, particularly crew liabilities and dock damage claims. Therefore, although the indemnity club calls have been reduced, the increasing club calls have had to be increased by about the same amount.

### Singapore Rubber Market

Lower advice from abroad brought a little selling at the opening. This was absorbed by the trade after which prices gradually appreciated throughout the day. Business was done 24 of a cent above the lowest. Sellers were reserved. Prices:

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# CHINA MAIL

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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Late Night Finale

WEARY from a day's work that ended at midnight, the newspaper executive walked out of his office, took a deep breath of the clean night air, and made for his car.

He had parked the car earlier in one of those country-quiet lanes that wind about the bombed wasteland north of Fleet Street. There were other cars in the lane belonging to others who worked even later feeding news into the morning papers.

The tired man walked down the line to the place where he had put his own and found there an empty space, like a gap in a row of teeth.

He hurried into the roadway. He looked about him over the low-walled landscape.

#### HANDED OVER

A FEW yards away he saw his car, stationary and slowed at an angle to the roadway. He ran to it and saw that at the wheel was a chunky, fair-haired young man. "Hey," said the newspaper man. "What are you doing in my car? Come out of it."

"Okay, mister," the youth said, and obeyed.

The police arrived presently. The young man, whose name was Tom, was handed over and charged with taking and driving away the car without its owner's consent.

Next morning, at Bow Street, Tom, with a rueful look, pleaded guilty to the charge.

#### NAVAL PENSION

"THIS man has an excellent record," a policeman told Mr. Bertram Reece, the magistrate. "He's 22 years old, his home is in Portsmouth. Two years after leaving school, he joined the Royal Navy on a 12-year engagement. He was invalided out with a pension of 11s. a week after service in Korea."

"What did he do then?" asked the magistrate.

"Well, he travelled the country with fairs until last November," the policeman said. "Then he got a £6-a-week job as a pecker until January, when he left to become a waiter at £10 a week."

"He left that job a fortnight ago, and since then, he tells me, he's been living on his savings."

#### HOURS TOO LONG

THE magistrate looked hard at Tom, who stood to attention, Navy-style, and squarely returned the gaze.

"What do you want to say about this?" Mr. Reece asked him.

"Well, sorry sir, had a few drinks."

"You really are a stupid young man," said the magistrate. "I'm quite sure there is no criminality about you, but fancy abandoning a good job for the precarious occupation of doing nothing. Why did you leave that £10 a week job?"

"The hours were too long," said Tom.

"Oh, nonsense," said the magistrate. "There aren't any hours too long for a man of 22. Could you go back to the job?" "I think so," said Tom, without enthusiasm. "I think I could if I wanted to."

#### BACK TO WORK

"YOU take my advice and do that," said the magistrate. "I'll discharge you absolutely on the taking and driving away charge. For driving without a licence or insurance policy, there'll be a nominal fine of 5s. and you'll be disqualified from driving for 12 months. All right, that's all, you go and get a job."

"Yes, sir," said Tom. He went away to look for work where the hours were not too long; and the newspaperman, whose evidence had not been needed, hurried back to his job in which the working hours are apt to be—say newspaper executives—all of every 24.

## McCarthy Makes An Admission

Washington, June 16.

Senator Joseph McCarthy admitted today that he had signed a document which he earlier claimed he "never seen."

The document was private David Schine's application for a commission.

Mr. Joseph Welch, the Army's Counsel, produced a photograph of the application made by Schine—McCarthy's former assistant—during today's hearing of the McCarthy-Army dispute. Schine is the central figure in the exchange of "pressure" and "blackmail" charges between the Secretary of the Army, Mr. Robert Stevens, and Senator McCarthy.

Mr. Welch referred to sworn testimony given by Senator McCarthy on June 10 in which he declared he knew nothing about Schine's application for a commission.

When Mr. Welch waved the photograph before him, McCarthy said with a grin: "Don't tell me I notarized it."

"MERELY SIGNED IT," "No," Mr. Welch replied quietly. "You merely signed it."

The Senator added: "May I say I don't know anything about the application?"

Mr. Welch said he believed the conflicting evidence should be brought out. But he did not consider it "a devastating thing."

After examining the photograph, McCarthy noted: "I want to make it clear it was notarized by Bob Stevens."

Mr. Stevens has accused him and his chief counsel, Mr. Roy Cohn, of exacting improper pressure to get special treatment for private Schine.

In turn they have charged Mr. Stevens and the Army of using Schine as a hostage in an attempt to sidetrack an investigation into alleged Communist activities in the Army.

Earlier McCarthy protested that Democratic members of the Sub-Committee investigating his dispute with the Army wanted to send him to prison for mis-handling security information. "They want to put me in jail," he complained. "Heuter."

## Mail Notices

The latest times of posting are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times are: 1.10 p.m. for letters, 1.10 p.m. for parcels, 1.10 p.m. for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

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Philippines, 9 a.m.  
Thailand, Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.  
Formosa, Japan, Korea, 2 p.m.  
By Surface  
Thailand, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma, East Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 10 a.m.  
Malaya, Indonesia, 6 p.m.  
N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.  
Formosa, 9 p.m.

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6. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 6.30, Jazz Half Hour presented by Robin Day (Studio); 6.30, Portuguese Half Hour (Studio); "Hit Parade" (Studio); 7. Ten Top Tunes presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio); 7.30, Down Memory Lane presented by Alison Woodhouse (Studio); 8. Weather Report; 8. Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 8.10, News Talk (London Relay); 8.15, Special Announcements; 8.15, "Summers of the Future" (Studio); 8.30, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 8.45, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 9. "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 9.15, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 9.30, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 9.45, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 10. "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 10.15, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 10.30, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 10.45, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 11. "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 11.15, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 11.30, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 11.45, "The World of Tomorrow" (Studio); 12. 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